



Maryland Agriculture Data

Weekly Crop and Weather Report



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August 13, 2001

Weekend Rain Breaks Dry Spell

The rain Maryland received Friday through Sunday last week provided some relief from the recent hot, dry weather trend with precipitation ranging from .3 inches in Garrett County to 3.9 inches in Caroline County. With last week’s rain, many areas are now close to or above normal precipitation levels for this month. The moisture was needed to revive crops, especially in non-irrigated fields, and replenish soil moisture levels. Last week was dry prior to the rain ending the week, allowing farmers **5.7 days suitable for field work**.

While the moisture improved conditions for most row crops statewide, relief may have arrived to late too curb the effects of the four week hot, dry weather trend to corn in some northern counties. Consequently, yields may be reduced in those areas. Nonetheless, the **corn** crop is rated 17 percent excellent, 49 percent good, 25 percent fair, 7 percent poor, and 2 percent very poor. **Soybeans** are rated 17 percent excellent, 52 percent good, 21 percent fair, 8 percent poor, and 3 percent very poor.

Topsoil and Subsoil moisture levels increased due to the rain, creating surplus levels in some areas. **Topsoil moisture** is rated 23 percent surplus, a 21 percent increase over the previous week, 49 percent adequate, 24 percent short, and 4 percent very short. **Subsoil moisture** is now 8 percent surplus, a 6 percent increase over the previous week, 65 percent adequate, 15 percent short, and 12 percent very short.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 2001 (PERCENT)

ITEM	THIS WEEK	LAST WEEK	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE 1996-2000
Harvesting Progress:				
Apples	12	8	12	8
Cantaloupes	48	33	68	70
Cucumbers	65	60	69	71
Peaches	45	35	48	53
Snap Beans	65	60	60	60
Sweet Corn	55	38	62	65
Tobacco	21	10	21	17
Tomatoes	45	40	50	56
Watermelons	34	29	38	49
Crop Progress:				
Corn, dough	59	49	61	47
Corn, dent	23	18	21	17
Sorghum, headed	62	57	64	62
Soybeans, bloomed	56	51	61	64
Soybeans, setting pods	37	36	44	42
Tobacco, bloomed	74	58	89	81
Tobacco, topped	52	41	46	51
Hay Harvested:				
Other hay, 3 rd cutting	37	34	34	34
Other hay, 4 th cutting	15	12	4	3
Alfalfa, 3 rd cutting	75	70	64	61
Alfalfa, 4 th cutting	20	17	14	12

CROP CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING AUGUST 13, 2001 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	2	7	25	49	17
Soybeans	3	7	21	52	17
Sorghum	0	0	2	95	3
Tobacco	0	0	6	92	2
Pasture	4	16	47	22	11

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